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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 1999,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on Page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 10 of this paper.